amendments in Indian Standards for Packaged Drinking Water and Natural Mineral Water in order to align them with the world's best norms for pesticide residues. They will be implemented after they are incorporated in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 which is administered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already issued a notification inviting comments from public to amend the standards of Packaged Drinking Water and Natural Mineral Water under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act Rules, 1955.

Starvation Deaths

975. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finally decided to address the problem of starvation deaths while its graineries are spilling over with surplus stocks;

(b) whether as per the new scheme Government would purchase foodgrains from the surplus stock out of the funds provided by the Indian Corporate Houses and provide 'INDIAMIX', newly developed combination of grains with high protein value for distribution to the poor; and

(c) if so, what are the details of this scheme and its impact on the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) In addition to distribution of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System, the Government has already launched other schemes to provide foodgrains to the people, especially the weaker sections of the society, at affordable prices.

(b) and (c) Financial assistance has been provided to M/s Maa Mangla Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd. at Radha Charanpur, Distt. Khurda (Orissa) for setting up/expansion and modernization of its food processing unit for manufacturing 'INDIAMIX' which is a ready-to-eat food suitable for dietary supplement for elders, infants and children. The above unit has a capacity of 3840 MT per annum and at present it is supplying 'INDIAMIX' to the World Food Programme (WFP).